

La Bandera de Argentina



The Sun of May :
A symbol of freedom from Spain

Currency: 1 peso nuevo Argentino (\$) = 100 centavos

Literacy Rate: 96%

Exports: beef, farm products, maíz, wheat, wool, soybean, cotton, flax seed

Official language: Spanish (English, Italian, German and French are also widely spoken)

Major Religion: Roman Catholic

National Sports: Soccer, Basketball, Horse Racing, Polo

República Argentina (Argentine Republic)

Capital: Buenos Aires ("Fair Winds", 1/3 of the countries population)

Area: 1,068,296 sq miles
(2nd largest country in South America after Brazil, includes part of Isla Tierra del Fuego, "Land of Fire")

Population: 34 million
85% urban
15% rural

Ethnic Divisions: 85% White (descendants of European immigrants)
15% Mestizo, Amerindian, other non-white groups

Important Cities: Buenos Aires, Córdoba, Rosario

Geographic Regions:

Far North: El Gran Chaco: dry region just east of Andes
North: Las Pampas-rich, fertile plains
West: Andes Mountains cover 1/3 of the country along the western border with Chile and Bolivia
South: Patagonia: flat, rolling plateau in the extreme south

Major Rivers: Río Uruguay, Río Iguazú (*Iguaçu*)
(Salto Iguazú: 1 1/2 times higher than Niagara Falls.
Means "Great Waters" in the Guarani language)

Important or Famous Figures:

Eva Duarte Peron ("Evita"), Juan Peron
General José de San Martín
Gabriela Sabatini
Fernando Lamas (famous actor, father to Lorenzo Lamas)

Highest Peak: Pico Aconcagua (22,831 ft) -Highest in South America